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**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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**CUSTOMER NO. 23720**

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
DATED OCTOBER 28, 2009**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated October 28, 2009, for which the three-month date for response is January 28, 2010. This response being filed within two months of the filing date of the “final” Office Action, Applicants are entitled to an Advisory Action. M.P.E.P. §706.07(f) I (C).

**A Listing of the Claims** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2144.000800RE.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.